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Michael Thess et al. )  
 ) Art Unit: **Unknown**  
Serial No. 10/673,040 )  
 ) Examiner: **Unknown**  
Filing or 371(c) Date: **September 26, 2003** )  
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For: **Method and Apparatus for Determining** )  
 **a Set of Large Sequences From an** )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

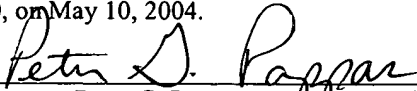
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